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NEW WATER METER FOR EVERY HOME

EVERY home in Folkestone will have a water meter within 18 months.

The government-backed scheme aims to conserve supplies but critics fear it will cost many consumers more.

Since 1999 new homes have a water meter but most houses were charged based on the council tax banding.

Folkestone and Dover Water Services, is the sole UK Area of Water Scarcity Status. It has already installed about 11,000 meters and work will complete by September 2010.

A spokesman said those who had already signed up had done so through either requests to help lower their bills, where properties had

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

changed hands, or through new-build homes which had to have meters fitted as standard.

The move is part of a £33 million investment programme to introduce new water sources and improve treatment and distribution systems in the five years to 2010.

FDWS managing director David Walton said the dual approach was needed to ensure supplies were kept secure in the face of climate change and increased demand from a growing population.

He said: "We would like to see water used much more carefully. In the UK

the average water use per person per day is more than 150 litres and we would like to see this reduced to around 120 litres.

"This would bring us more into line with countries such as Denmark and Germany."

"Water savings of up to 15 per cent can be made with no major change in lifestyle."

"Using showers rather than baths also cuts energy costs and we are urging our customers to save water, save energy and save money."

The metering program first began with a trial in Lydd in 2007, before spreading to surrounding towns and villages including Hythe, Saltwood

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GURKHAS' ROYAL APPOINTMENT

PRINCE Charles will be at Shorncliffe Barracks today to visit Gurkha soldiers and family members of those serving in Afghanistan.

The second in line to the throne is Colonel in Chief of the Royal Gurkha Rifles and will meet the rear party of the regiment's 2nd Battalion.

About 650 members of 2 RGR are currently deployed abroad while the 160-strong rear party provide vital support to those on operations as well as looking after the welfare of the families they have left behind.

The Gurkhas have a reputation as one of the finest and most feared regiments in the world and there is fierce competition to enlist in their native Nepal. Last year 28,000 men applied for just 230 places.

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Jae's date with history

FORMER Yourshepway photographer Jae Donnelly was in Washington DC to witness history being made as Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States.

Jae, 34, whose parents live in Lydden, described the experience as "truly amazing". He added: "It felt great to be so close and see with your own eyes what millions of people around the world were watching on TV."

Jae, pictured right, outside the US Capitol building, began his press career after getting his break with our sister paper Kent on Sunday in 2004. He has travelled all over the world and is now based in New York City, taking celebrity snaps for newspapers and magazines.



Divorce wife led police to Tory husband's gun cache

■ BY KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

THE wife of a Tory councillor led police to an arsenal of handguns he kept at his country home because she was unhappy about giving him £180,000 in a divorce settlement, a court heard.

Millionairess Alison Meurice called police two days after she was forced to hand part of her fortune to ex-husband Nick Meurice after a long dispute.

Maidstone Crown Court heard that Meurice was arrested after his wife reported the cache of weapons at the couple's seven-bedroom home, Redbrooks Wood, Hythe.

The court heard the couple had been going through a bitter divorce after their marriage of 25 years had broken down and that Meurice, who has stepped down from the council since his arrest, had had an affair.

Richard Scott, prosecuting, said: "Their relationship broke down in April 2006 and Meurice moved out."



UNDER COVER: Former Hythe councillor Nick Meurice outside Maidstone Crown Court

In February 2007, Mrs Meurice said she and her son found a revolver, two pistols and a spy-style pen-gun in Meurice's wardrobe and called the police. On Friday, Mrs Meurice took the stand against her ex-husband, with whom she has four children.

He had "always liked guns", had a homemade silencer for one weapon and used to carry his pen-gun with

him on the London Underground, she said.

Mrs Meurice said her marriage had broken down after she hired two private detectives who found Mr Meurice to be having an affair. She then threw him out and changed the locks.

She said on one occasion she had to call police after he came over while she was clearing his possessions and there was an alleged altercation on the driveway.

Meurice was found not guilty of that alleged attack by Folkestone magistrates in September 2006.

Defending, Nicholas Doherty said: "Mrs Meurice knew the guns were at the house and called police to get her husband into trouble. She has told a pack of lies."

He said Mrs Meurice, who runs a jewellery business in Hythe, called police two days after a divorce hearing in which she had to hand over part of her family fortune to her ex-husband.

He said: "You asked for 80 per cent of the total value of assets but got 50, then two days later you decided to clear out the garage."

Meurice denies eight counts of possessing illegal firearms.

Airport safety crews pass muster after 'crash'

SAFETY procedures at Lydd Airport have been approved after an emergency exercise which included a simulated plane crash.

The scenario was based on an aircraft carrying 10 passengers careering off the runway during touchdown and crashing into an airfield opera-

tions vehicle with two people inside.

Kent Police sent a specialist critical incident response team, took charge of the command centre and worked with other emergency services and airport management. The exercise was praised by Civil Aviation Authority inspector Graham Bartlett, who said

the drill meant the team was far better prepared to deal with any serious incident. The airport has 11 full-time CAA-certified firefighters, three foam tenders, one all-terrain vehicle and one command vehicle.

Recent developments at the airport include a four-bay fire station.

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Climate change threat to our ancient Marsh

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

ROMNEY Marsh is one of the areas of the county most at risk from flooding, according to a new report.

Tomorrow's Kent, published by the Campaign to Protect Rural England's Kent branch, focuses on the impact of climate change on the countryside. It says Romney Marsh faces the threat of sea level rise and coastal flooding.

Sea defences along stretches of the Marsh coastline have been strengthened in recent years, but environmentalists say more must be done to protect people and property from the risk of encroaching sea waters.

A CPRE spokesman said: "This is why residents have formed Defend our Coast, a group dedicated to ensuring the Government invests in coastal defences in the right place and at the right time."

"Faced by such an uncertain future, it makes the proposals for an expanded Lydd airport look even more irresponsible."

"As well as damaging wildlife and the quality of life for residents, the carbon emissions from the airport will contribute to the very problem that threatens the whole of Romney Marsh."

The report states: "Climate change is an issue that affects all of us. Kent has particular vulnerabilities that mean we are likely to be hit earlier and harder than any other areas of the UK."

"CPRE Kent produced Tomorrow's Kent to inspire and encourage people to take action now and join our campaign to protect Kent from the likely impacts of climate change."



FRAGILE BEAUTY: Romney Marsh is at risk from rising sea levels, according to the CPRE Kent report

Campaigners say the Government and individuals need to be aware of the risks Kent is facing and plan for adapting to these changes.

They say global warming could cause seas to rise and make for unpredictable weather patterns, including a greater risk of storms.

The spokesman said: "CPRE Kent believes now is the time for parish councils, Parliament and others to be thinking ahead to what public services and planning policies need to be put in place to meet the needs of tomorrow's Kent."

"The public needs to be aware of the problems and opportunities that may lie ahead. The main impacts on Kent will be: sea-level rise, more water stress, greater flood risk and storm dam-

age, and summer overheating. We need to challenge Government, business and ourselves to reduce these impacts on the county. Our report provides an introduction to the ways everyone can do more to prepare."

"Climate change will have an impact on your life, no matter where in Kent you live. Different areas of the county will be affected differently. The main impacts facing people in south Kent are housing growth and sea-level rises."

"As much as a quarter of Kent's land area is less than five meters above mean sea level. This includes some of our most valuable wildlife habitats, most productive agricultural land, four power stations and dozens of rural communities."

Meters on way for all properties in Shepway

FROM FRONT PAGE

and the Elham Valley area. All homes and businesses should be fitted by 2012. Only properties where meters cannot be installed for technical reasons will remain unaffected.

Written notification of the installation will be given well in advance and a full information pack will be provided giving water-saving advice.

Meters are usually fitted externally on individual homes' pipes, although in some cases internal meters are needed and the installation is completed within a working day.

Work is usually carried out in pavement and verge areas and sometimes in the gardens of properties.

The company said there would be minimal disruption with no effect on road traffic in the town.

A special tariff called WaterSure is available for vulnerable customers. For more details go to the FDWS website at www.fdws.co.uk.

New reactor a core issue at Dungeness

PROPOSALS for a new power station at Dungeness are to be discussed at a public meeting tonight (Wednesday).

It takes place at Hythe Methodist Church hall from 6.30pm.

British Energy, which owns and operates Dungeness B, is hosting the event – the last in a series of six – about the possibility of a new plant at the Romney Marsh site.

The meeting will provide information on British Energy's plans to build at least one new reactor unit of up to 1600MW at Dungeness, generating enough power to serve 2.5 million households.

Those in favour say the plan would also create 2,000 jobs during construction and would employ up to 400 people during 60 years of low-carbon electricity generation.

Staff from British Energy and Royal Haskoning, an environmental consultancy firm carrying out impact assessments on the power generating company's potential new-build projects, will be in attendance to answer questions.

Dungeness B station director Alan Oulton said: "We are keen to outline our plans for a potential new nuclear



SIXTH MEETING: Dungeness power station

build to people in the community and to allow them to ask us questions and give us their views.

"There is no doubt Dungeness is potentially a key site for new nuclear build. The benefits to the area in terms of jobs and the economy are vast."

The Government is committed to the so-called nuclear option as part of its programme to generate power during the coming decades.

However, the Dungeness project has attracted criticism from environmentalists who point to potential damage to the important bird reserves nearby.



Valentine's Day closure looms for bookseller

THE larger of the two Waterstone's stores in Folkestone town centre is to shut – the latest victim of the high street credit crunch.

The move leaves the five permanent staff at the book store concerned for their futures.

"Yes, we are closing down – it's very sad," said one member of staff.

The Guildhall Street branch will close on Valentine's Day, while the company's smaller store in Sandgate Road will remain open.

That shop was acquired by Waterstone's when the firm bought out Ottakars in September 2005.

The chain, which is owned by HMV, is to shed 200 jobs nationwide.

A spokesman said: "We can confirm that the Old Town Hall branch of Waterstone's will close on Saturday, February 14."

"We are now entering into a period of consultation with the staff at the store."

Five workers are employed at the Guildhall Street store, although it is understood the manager will be transferred to Folkestone's other branch.

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Tunnel on track to be back to normal in Feb

SERVICES through the Channel Tunnel will be back to normal within three weeks – five months since September's fire.

A series of tests will take place at the start of February after repairs to interval six of the tunnel, in time for Valentine's Day and the start of the half-term holidays.

From February 9-10, Eurotunnel shuttles and Eurostar trains will be able to travel through the tunnel at the usual speed in place of the current restrictions.

Sounds like a good line up at the Quarterhouse

QUARTERHOUSE, Folkestone's new state-of-the-art entertainment venue, is to host its first event in March.

Music Month, organised by the Creative Foundation, will take place every Friday and Saturday night from the 6-28 inclusive and has attracted an impressive line up of solo artists, live bands and DJs.

Some of the county's best local talent will be showcased through "BBC Kent Introducing", presented by Nick Harrison. Visit www.monthofmusic.co.uk for details.

Parents will have a fine old time parking at school

PARENTS in Folkestone who park unlawfully as they wait for their children to come out of school are warned they could be paying a fine.

Neighbourhood officers in Sandgate are responding to concerns about child safety and have been issuing advice notices to drivers warning them if they are caught again they will be fined.

Police bail two after alleged building damage

POLICE have arrested a man while investigating damage to a door in Hythe.

Aaron Richards, 26, of St Leonard's Road Hythe was charged with two counts of criminal damage to appear before Folkestone magistrates on Wednesday February 4.

Geoffrey Arthur of Tontine Street, Folkestone, was arrested after a window was damaged at Folkestone police station. He was charged with criminal damage and bailed until February 5.

Gurkhas' skills are in line for our railways

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

GURKHAS could soon be working to repair Britain's railway tracks after a contractor said it was looking to recruit up to 400 of the specially trained troops.

Retired soldiers who have served in the Royal Gurkha Rifles, based at Shorncliffe barracks in Folkestone, have the skills necessary for the maintenance of the railways according to Ganymede Solutions.

The company, which provides temporary engineers for Network Rail, is already retraining a group of former Gurkha soldiers at the country's busiest station in Clapham, South West London.

A Ganymede spokesperson said: "The company is only too aware of the skill base they offer. And with employment after leaving the Army being of key importance, Ganymede is paying to retrain the former combat engineers to become railway engineers."

The idea has been pioneered by Gary Hewett, managing director of the Slough-based firm and former wing commander who served alongside the Gurkhas in the Falklands.

He said they were looking at the former soldiers because the type of work on offer often



Picture: KLP

CALL UP: Retired combat engineers are being re-trained by Ganymede Solutions to become railway engineers

attracted "transitory" labour, where people might only stay briefly before moving on, with the quality often inconsistent.

The self-discipline and ability to work together as a unit was what made them appealing as employees. Ganymede is also actively recruiting Gurkhas from Aldershot and other bases around the UK.

Half of the 3,400 Gurkhas based in Britain are infantry soldiers in the Royal Gurkha Rifles, with the remainder serving in specialist

Gurkha "corps" units providing engineering, logistics, signals and medical support.

Unlike the rest of the Army every Gurkha undergoes full military combat training, meaning they can provide cover when troops are in short supply on the battlefield.

Last September campaigners won a High Court battle to allow Gurkha soldiers who had retired before 1997 to be allowed to stay in this country and ordered a review of the Government's policy.

Shops could soon be cashing in plenty of euros



GOOD IMPRESSION: Chris Kirkham

PRICES in shop windows should be displayed in both pounds and euros to help a predicted surge in visitors from the continent.

The call comes from Folkestone Town Centre Management following a report from its tourism arm, Discover Folkestone, Hythe & Romney Marsh.

It says there has been a marked increase in requests from European visitors over recent weeks about where to stay in the district and are treating it as a signal that more Eurozone tourists are on the way.

DFH&RM manager Chris Kirkham said: "The present rate of exchange makes Britain – especially our corner of Kent – an attractive destination for our cross-Channel neighbours.

"In recent weeks, we have been dealing with many more requests for information about the Folkestone area from France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, most of them indicating an intention to come here during 2009."

He said some traders already dual-price but it would help to create "visitor-friendly impressions", such as staff being able to speak one of the Eurozone languages.

According to research by Tourism South East more than 48,000 stay-over trips were made to the district by overseas visitors during 2006. Of their total spend of £15 million more than £4m was in shops, slightly more than on accommodation, and more than in either restaurants or visits to attractions.

Traders who would like to co-operate call FTCTM/DFH&RM office on 01303 850522 or e-mail ftctmmanager@gmail.com.

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Four jailed as police foil plot to steal 18 tonnes of scrap copper

A FOLKESTONE lorry driver has been jailed for playing a crucial role in a plot to steal a German truck and its load of scrap copper.

He was one of four people sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court on Friday after being convicted of conspiracy to steal.

All had denied the charge.

Thomas William Spain, 52, of Francis Road Folkestone, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. Also jailed were Rodney John Stacey, 33, of Deal (18 months), Trevor Anthony Coates 35, of Ashford (18 months) and Andrew Thomas Jones, 34, of Canterbury (12 months).

A fifth man, Carl Martin, 48, was found not guilty of one count of conspiracy to steal and one count of theft.

Originally destined for Belgium, the metal on board weighed 18 tonnes and was valued at

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

more than 90,000 euros. The tractor unit and trailer alone were worth 145,000 euros.

Nigel Pilkington, head of CPS South East Complex Casework Unit, said: "Each defendant played his part in the conspiracy and all worked together to make the plan a reality, thinking that it would net them a substantial profit."

"Thomas Spain breached the trust of his employers and was central to the conspiracy – without him the plot could never have got off the ground."

"He alone was responsible for and in charge of the vehicle and its freight. We were determined that those responsible for organising and executing this theft should be brought to justice – we've worked closely with Kent Police from the start."

Spain was employed as a lorry driver for a

German transport company dealing in metals.

As far as his employers were concerned, on the morning of March 4, 2008, he was taking a substantial load of scrap copper from east London to Olen in Belgium.

Instead, he pulled up at a layby near the Gate Services on the A2 outside Canterbury, feigned a heart attack and was taken to hospital by ambulance, leaving the lorry.

The paramedics subsequently could find nothing wrong with him.

Andrew Jones, Spain's nephew, accompanied by his friend Rodney Stacey, intercepted the lorry, making it appear that the subsequent taking and driving away of the HGV was a random theft while it was left unattended.

But the conspirators kept the lorry in their possession before trying to sell the copper to a scrap metal yard in Faversham, where the plot was foiled by Kent Police.

A mud rescue for lady

A WOMAN and her pet dog had to be rescued after becoming stuck in the mud at Folkestone Harbour.

Fire crews were called to the scene on Sunday after she tried to get the animal, thought to be a small Daxon, at 11.21am.

Two pumps were sent from Folkestone and another from Whitstable which has specialist water equipment.

The woman, believed to be in her mid-50s, was stuck up to her ankles in mud and holding the dog by the time fire fighters reached her. She was freed at 11.53am, while it was still low tide.

Booze burglary charge

A MAN and woman have been arrested on suspicion of stealing more than £4,000 worth of alcohol and tobacco from an off-licence.

Valter Manuel Craveiro Pimentel, 28, of Cheriton Road and 32-year-old Michelle Sharon Lightfoot of Grove Road, Folkestone were charged with burglary and released on bail to answer before Folkestone Magistrates Court on Friday, February 6.

The robbery took place at The Local shop in Sandgate Road, Folkestone.

Picture PHIL HOUGHTON



A YEAR PUT IN PICTURES

PHOTOGRAPHS capturing some of the local highlights of 2008 are on display at the Civic Centre in Folkestone.

The exhibition, put on by Shepway District Council, includes images from The Folkestone Triennial, literary festival, Charioti Day, New Romney Country Fair, Hythe Festival and a host of other events that defined the year. Charity walks and charity runs, street athletics, parades, performances, sandcastles, giants and children take their place on the walls of the members' foyer in the Civic Centre in Castle Hill Avenue.

Anyone who would like to see the exhibition should ask at the reception desk. Many of the pictures are in the reception hall but others are dotted around various parts of the building.

The exhibition was organised by Hirunika Perera, a student at University Centre Folkestone, as part of a work placement with the council. It was officially opened by the Chairman of the Council, Cllr George Bunting last month.

For a look back at last year's festival on Yourkenttv.co.uk and search 'Triennial'.

Property prices on track for boost

PROPERTY prices could benefit from the high-speed rail link after it was revealed London could be reached from Folkestone in under an hour.

Estate agents said news that the capital will be within an hour's commute would give a boost to the market after the slump of the past few months.

Originally Southeastern, the train company which operates services between Kent and London, said the journey would take 56 minutes but latest estimates say this could go to 52 minutes from Folkestone Central and 49 minutes from Folkestone West.

A two-bedroom postwar flat in Folkestone is available for £150,000 according to Brendon Driscoll, a sales negotiator at Fell Reynolds estate agency.

He said: "We have had quite a few inquiries

from Londoners looking to move out, and from people looking for second homes who want somewhere that's well connected."

James Hawkins, director of an estate agency in New Romney agreed the improved service could bring with it greater interest, especially as the area is closer to Ashford which forms part of the high speed route, while saying other factors would also contribute.

He told Yourshepway: "For New Romney, however, there is a particular boost in housing demand due to Dungeness C, which is expected to get the nod possibly in the next few months.

"There will be hundreds of permanent jobs created. I would expect there to be a large surge in lettings when the build is underway and then an increase in sales once the permanent workers are recruited."

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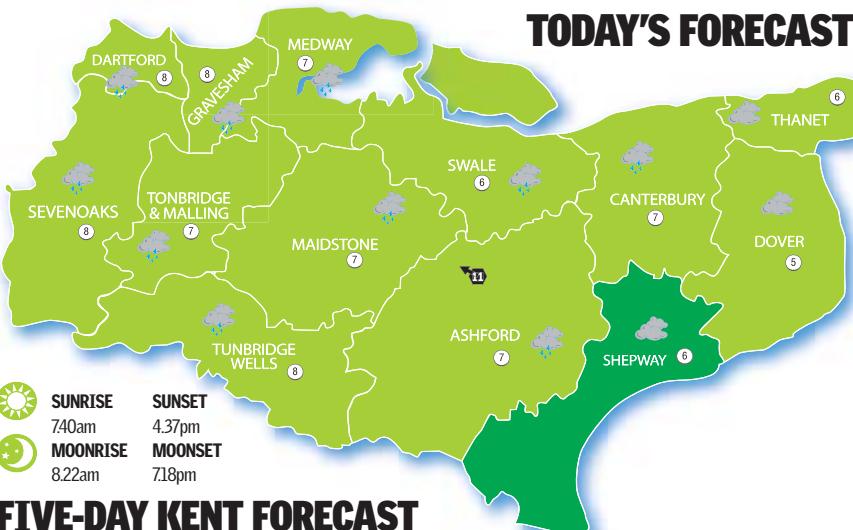
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	Sunday	2:36pm	7.3m
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'Special dad' watch found

A PHOTO of a gold watch which was recovered from a suspected burglar has been released by police in the hope of tracing it back to its owner.



The watch has the word Limit on the clock face and the back is engraved with the words 'Special Dad'.

The watch was found in possession of a woman suspected of a burglary.

Anyone who owns a watch matching this description and has noticed it missing is asked to contact DC Dan Porter on 01303 850055.

Two arrested on the roads

A MAN was arrested after a car crashed into a hedge in Dover Road, Folkestone, on Sunday afternoon.

Ivan Vaclavik, 53, of Tontine Street, Folkestone was charged with possessing a knife blade and released on bail to answer before Folkestone Magistrates Court on Wednesday, February 4.

A Hawkinge man was also arrested last Thursday morning and charged for failing to stop a motorcycle when required by a constable, using a motor vehicle without a test certificate, using a vehicle without third party insurance and drink driving.

Samuel Hemingway, 20, of Millfield in Hawkinge was arrested in Pencester Gardens, Dover and released on bail to answer before Folkestone magistrates on January 30.

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Q & A

The co-owner of a new Hythe-based TV and video production company spoke to James Alexandre about how she got involved in the industry, her many jobs and accidentally appearing in front of the camera

Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I have lived in Hythe most of my life and after 27 years I still love it here. I have worked in many jobs over the years – youth worker, writer, receptionist, waitress and TV editor, to name just a few. It is a positive thing to experience different types of work. Not everyone was made to be in one job for ever.

Q How did you become involved in the television and film industry?

A My career in the media industry started when I went to visit my dad in California. He owns a small TV production company and taught me how to edit programmes. I loved it so much that I wanted to hunt down a job in this field.

I made some good contacts when I came back to England and landed a job at Maidstone TV studios as a trainee editor. This put me in a position to progress in the company until I became a broadcast and compliance manager.

Q Tell us more about your video production business

A I started a video/TV production company, Diddywidge Media, with my husband a few months ago. We have a combined experience of ten years in the TV industry and our skills complement each other, so starting our own business made sense. We welcome pretty

much any project that involves video – whether it's a short video to jazz up a website, a promotional DVD for a company, or a documentary for a TV channel.

People watch TV all the time, yet the market for moving images among companies is still relatively untouched. That's great for us and also for businesses that want to stand out by doing something different.

Q What is the most enjoyable or interesting aspect of what you do?

A I love the variation – no two days are the same. Sometimes I will be out on a shoot, other times I will be sitting in the office making sales calls or editing footage.

I enjoy connecting with people and having the opportunity to make businesses more exciting and successful. I love being able to make my dreams a reality and not having to ask for permission to do something crazy or unheard of.

Q What would you say has been your most memorable or exciting experience in film?

A I was working behind the scenes as floor manager on a show and accidentally walked directly in front of the camera during a live broadcast – not just once, but twice. Unfortunately I ended up being more visible than most of the guests, especially when my face obscured the entire lens. Never again.

Q What do you think of the cultural and social life of Shepway?

A I'm so excited by the development of the Creative Quarter in Folkestone. The opportunities for people to get involved in the arts in Shepway are outstanding. I think we take it for granted living here. There is so much talent in Shepway, much of which hasn't yet been revealed. I would encourage anyone with a creative business idea to just go for it.

Q Where can people find out more about you and what you do?

A If you are interested in finding out more about Diddywidge Media, visit our website www.diddywidge.com, email info@diddywidge.com, or give us a call on 01303 261020.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A I love to travel, so if I can find an excuse to do this as part of the business I'm happy. Shopping, eating out, watching films and occasionally I force myself to go to the gym, just to make sure everything's still working.

Q Tell us something people don't tend to know about you

A I enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, painting and listening to heavy metal at top volume. And I am half-Egyptian, but I never mention that when going through Customs.

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■ BY JON COATES

WE HAVE found the ultimate present for your Valentine – a helicopter lesson.

Kent is lucky enough to have one of the best helicopter pilot training schools in the UK.

AV8 Helicopters, at Rochester Airport, offers introductory flying lessons so you can experience the thrill of taking control of a helicopter.

So if you're looking to sweep your Valentine off their feet, this could be the answer. I went along to Rochester Airport this week for a 30-minute introductory flight to find out more.

Experiencing a mix of excitement and trepidation, I was introduced to my instructor Richard Cooke, 61, and immediately relieved to find myself in safe hands.

He introduced me to the Robinson R22 helicopter we would be going up in and I was stunned by how small it was.

This is the most popular aircraft for training pilots as it is very light and therefore sensitive to the touch.

Richard first explained the three flying controls – the cyclic stick used to speed up, slow down and go left or right, the collective lever used to make the craft rise or fall and two foot pedals used to control the tail rotor.

For the trial flight you only take control of the cyclic stick in flight, but it's good to understand the basics before taking off.

Richard stressed how sensitive the stick is and explained where we would be flying and that once we were levelled out and settled in to a cruise the controls would be passed to me.

The Robinson R22 has a perspex canopy (the



Picture: SARAH STANTON/PA

MIND BLOWING: Jon Coates takes to the sky in a truly unforgettable experience flying a helicopter

front windscreens) stretching down to near your feet, which gives an incredible view and makes you feel like you're floating on air.

It was an amazing feeling just lifting off with the whole of Medway stretching in front of me as we headed towards Leeds Castle. Then after just a few minutes I gripped the control stick and was flying.

Despite the safety warnings I immediately sent us veering off to the right. But Richard soon corrected me and I managed to keep a straight course, which is the aim of the introductory lesson. As I relaxed and my confidence grew I was able to look around and take in the stunning views, having been blessed with clear blue skies on a rare sunny winter day.

The feeling of keeping it straight and level, and speeding up to make small alterations in direction to the left or right was brilliant.

AV8 run 20-minute introductory flights for £130 plus VAT, 30-minute flights for £147.50 plus VAT and hour flights for £255 plus VAT, which are perfect gifts or birthday presents.

After the trial flight if you're as hooked as me then you need a minimum of 45 hours of lessons to get your private pilot's licence, at a cost of £255 plus VAT per hour.

They also offer flights in executive helicopters over London and Hellfire Corner in Kent for £150 per person plus VAT.

• For details call AV8 on 01634 672288, email info@av8helicopters.co.uk or see www.av8helicopters.co.uk.



Finishing school to help motivate our youngsters

TROUBLESOME teenagers are being invited to clean up their act by attending a modern-day version of a finishing school.

Shy youngsters and those with low self-esteem have also taken part in the Brand You Experience, which aims to help school leavers prepare for working life through a series of motivational workshops.

The scheme, which started in Dover last year and is now being extended to Maidstone, is a joint initiative between Kent County Council and mentoring and coaching organisation Beyond Excellence.

Project leader Dean Martin said: "Some of the schools used the course as a means of rewarding pupils who weren't troublemakers but who rarely shined in the classroom. But then we had some who were bouncing off the walls and others who had very low opinions of themselves and perhaps weren't receiving the right support at home."

The next Brand You Experience course runs for five days from Monday, February 16, at Bradbourne House, East Malling, Maidstone. Each session runs from 9.30am until 3.30pm daily, and Mr Martin is encouraging potential employers to visit and offer their support to the youngsters.

He said: "We have found from talking to young people and employers that they are often poles apart in what they expect from each other."

For more details on the scheme call Mr Martin on 01843 844939.



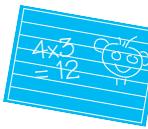
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Students get a tonic for success in Folkestone

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A NEW course in project management is the latest subject to be offered at the University Centre in Folkestone.

Taught by senior lecturer Judith Crayford, it will focus on essential tools for success such as how to meet a deadline and manage a budget and is one of a series being held as part of the Tonic Creative Business Project.

During the course, launched on Wednesday last week, students will learn the main criteria of managing big projects. This will be done while preparing for a real multimedia event, such as a theatrical production where time is critical, culminating in a live performance.

Performance

They will join a team of backstage staff and take on the administrative and business skills needed to put on the show, on time and within budget. Other skills involve co-ordinating the talents of the performers and creative workers while ensuring that every task happens in the right order to make the final performance a success.

The project will be mentored by university staff who will be on hand to give administrative and creative support.

As well as the unveiling of the new course the opening night also announced winners and prizes for those who enrolled on the enterprise and innovation course which began at University Centre last year.

The presentations included a £100 cheque presented by the Creative Foundation's Sharon Senior to local artist Annie Begley for The Lookers Tree, which was made with children at the Kent Wildlife Trust visitor centre in New Romney.

Annie Begley said the money would go towards setting up the creative and therapeutic pottery and sculpture workshops at the KWT centre.

A Nintendo Wii was also presented to eight year-old Laura from Cheriton by the Deputy Mayor of Medway after her vote was drawn from those cast for the winning artists' tree.

The Tonic Creative Business Project was launched in the summer with the intention of mixing creativity and business using a range of free, innovative courses on offer.

To find out more information about the projects, go to the Tonic website at creativebusinessproject.com.



INNOVATIVE: The Lookers Tree (left) was made with children at the Kent Wildlife Trust visitor centre. Right, eight-year-old Laura from Cheriton is presented with her prize by Deputy Mayor of Medway Cllr Ted Baker.

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£30m shopping centre placed on the market

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

BOUVERIE Place shopping centre is up for sale – barely a year after it first opened.

Owners Warner Estate Holdings have announced the £30 million building, which houses a giant 83,000 sq ft Asda superstore and space for 25 other shops, has been put on the market after interest from potential buyers.

However, since the centre opened in November 2007, some units have remained empty and there were indications at the end of last year that the parent company was responding to the pressures of the global economic downturn.

Chairman Philip Warner, in his company's annual review before Christmas, said: "We are concentrating on those areas which we can control, namely, improving our income,



FOR SALE: Bouverie Place opened in late 2007

reducing our costs and maximising our cash.

"We are being proactive in meeting the challenge of falling values and remain in compliance with our banking covenants."

"The property sector continues to face significant challenges and the group is not immune from these, particularly the impact

of falling property values. However the board is ever mindful of the risks facing the business in the current climate and the ongoing uncertainties in our industry.

"We are being proactive in meeting these challenges and we are confident that by taking appropriate actions, including disposals and securing uncharged assets, we shall mitigate the risks as far as possible."

The group also announced it would not be issuing an interest dividend to shareholders for 2008, in order to conserve cash and reduce debt over the coming months.

There is no suggestion that jobs or retailers at the centre are under threat.

In addition to Asda, Bouverie Place also hosts BHS and Next, as well as smaller shops such as Peacocks, HMV and New Look.

Last month, Maidstone's Fremlin Walk shopping centre was put up for sale for £94 million after owners Land Securities said they wanted to raise the cash for other projects.

Police frustration at violent crime statistical error

A LEADING Kent police officer has voiced "frustration" over the force's misreporting of serious violent crimes in the county.

Kent Police were among 18 forces that had incorrectly counted the numbers of the most serious offences such as murder and grievous bodily harm (GBH) due to a change in Home Office guidance.

The county constabulary was forced to suspend serious violent offences statistics from its crime figures for the third quarter of 2008.

Acting Assistant Chief Constable Peter West said: "It is frustrating, in so much as when there are new crime recording and differences introduced and the guidance that goes with it, it takes a period of settling down.

"We have suspended our figures because of applying the wrong interpretation to the guidelines, but we will know the figures before the end of the financial year," Mr West added.

"Serious violent crime was 6.3 per cent of our total – 1,277 out of 20,204 – and when we have gone through every one with the most recent guidance, every indication is that the figure will fall."

He said the changes did not alter the fact that violent crime in the county was falling. Kent showed a nine per cent reduction in total violent crime.

Innovative midwives rewarded by reduction in caesarean rates

MIDWIVES in Kent have developed an idea that has seen caesarean section rates drop by five per cent.

Concerns have been raised that caesarean rates, which had doubled in 10 years, are too high and the NHS has been working to ensure more women have normal births.

Sarah Gregson, a consultant midwife for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, entered her team into the Royal College of

Midwives (RCM) annual awards in the innovation category.

They arranged for the midwife caring for a woman in labour to fill in a form every hour noting information such as changes of position and keeping the woman upright. Midwives also encourage different support strategies, such as using water.

And their work, which has cut caesarian rates, was placed in the UK top three at a cer-

emony at the Royal Garden Hotel in London.

The audit tool, devised in 2003 by a group of midwives led by Hilary Thomas at Pembury Hospital, was used again during 2007-08.

Mrs Gregson said: "C-section rates have doubled across the UK but we have not been saving more mothers or babies because of it.

Maternity services are looking at how we can increase normal births because there are health benefits for both mother and child."

Research shows that women who give birth normally are more likely to breast feed, which is best for the newborn. During the second trial of the audit, caesarean rates dropped by two per cent overall from 26 per cent of births in 2007 to 23.4 per cent in 2008.

Mrs Gregson said that while C-sections were important for women experiencing serious complications or with medical conditions, many were being carried out unnecessarily.

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There will be a host of crafting celebrities to entertain, educate and pass on their skills and knowledge over the three days. Stephanie Weightman, from Ideal World and Create & Craft TV and Debbi Moore, expert crafting presenter, will both be running a programme of workshops. Joan Gordon, sewing and craft designer with over 25 years experience, will be hosting a Sewing Clinic for those wishing to pick up all the tricks of the trade and to answer all your sewing queries. Also from Create & Craft TV, Wendy Rhodes will be hosting her highly popular series of free demon-

stration lectures covering a huge range of topics.

The world of Guilds and Associations will be represented by The Embroiderers' Guild, The Guild of Silk Painters (Essex branch), Middlesex Federation of Women's Institutes and the Tower Hamlets Idea Store of Learning who will all be giving demonstrations and displays of their members' activities.

Marlene Carr, the Show Manager for this event says: "The London Stitch & Creative Crafts Show is a great day out for both the experienced and the beginner crafter. The wide range of exhibitors offer visitors every conceivable type of crafting product, demonstrations and workshops and with the excellent London ExCeL, we really will have something for everyone at this superb show."

KOS Media Publishing has 10 pairs of tickets to this great event to giveaway.

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Question: When is the London Stitch and Craft show?

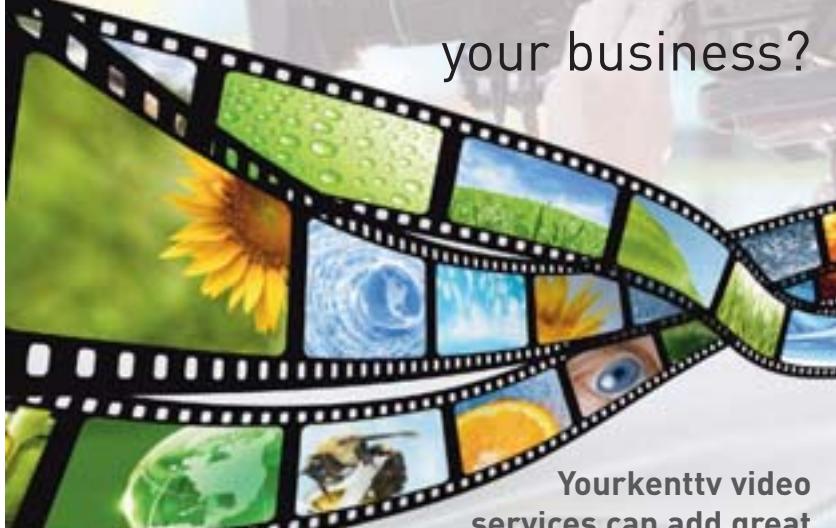
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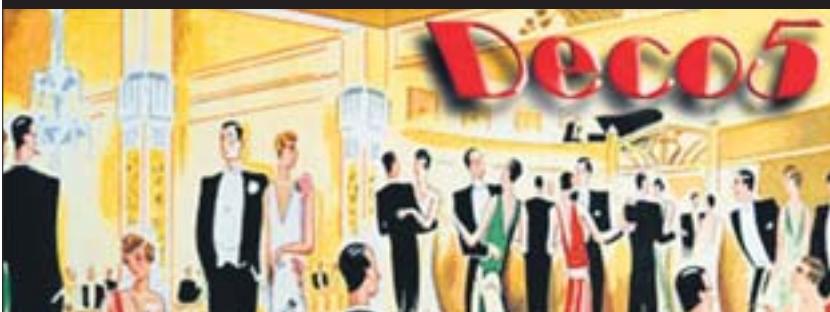
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Ray Duff despairs of the changes that are going to leave us with a poorer rail service



It's time to bring our trains back under the public wing

I'M sure most people will, like me, not be able to afford to travel – even if we wanted to – on the new trains from the Channel coast to St Pancras from the end of the year.

Nor be able, or even want to, 'speedwalk' at four miles an hour across London, as company adverts claim, to get to central destinations.

Most of us mere mortals can usually only manage about half the suggested speed; those with disabilities would be even worse off and so likely be forced to pay even more to use buses (so often gridlocked) or the Underground.

As for the regular trains, it appears it's going to be a worsening service from now on, with service cuts and extended running times as the Go-Ahead group has already indicated.

From Folkestone we have one fast and one semi-fast train to and from Charing Cross and Waterloo East, which are the most convenient stations for the West End, South Kensington

museums etc, as well as the City. The last, though, still requires a change and 10-minute delay at Tonbridge to get to London Bridge.

However, after December, it appears there will be only one or two semi-fast trains from the coast via Tonbridge to London, and worse in the evenings.

This was negotiated by Rail For Folkestone and promoted as a success but actually shows it caved in to the company with little resistance. It even failed to ensure that the new fast service stopped at Sandling.

Elsewhere, the two Go-Ahead-owned local companies have already cut the fairly comfortable alternative service to Brighton from east Kent, albeit with a few changes, by reducing the service from Tonbridge to Redhill to one an hour with a long delay between train transfer.

As for the Marshlink service, people have been complaining about this dangerously overcrowded 'non' service for years.

While train operators have thankfully been stopped from cutting services by the Govern-

ment, local ones have said that if the recession means fewer people travel by train, they will cut the already overcrowded services by shortening trains from eight coaches to four.

This, together with the announcement of 300 job cuts... convenient for a company but again not for the travelling public.

I suspect most people would rather the whole UK train service was returned to public control.

I suggest regional not-for-profit social enterprises with no compensation for the current managements and shareholders, who reportedly have received increased payouts following increased profits.

All politicians should guarantee to increase and then maintain rail investment levels, instead of more cuts, to both improve services and help tackle global warming in the long term.

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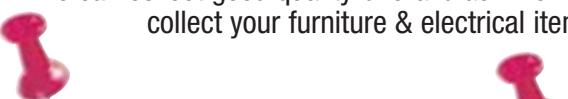
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TALK TIME

JAMES HAWKINS

The director of James Hawkins & Co estate agency in New Romney talks to us about his predictions for the state of the housing market



Tell me a little about yourself

I'm 42, married with a nine year old son, am 6ft 3 and about 15 1/2 stone. My wife is actually a foreigner (from Sussex) and we live across the border. I'm actually from Canterbury and went to school there. My father was a director with the building materials group Bretts which was actually started by my great grandfather. Might be why I've got such an interest in property and construction.

What do you think is the most enjoyable or interesting aspect of what you do?

WITHOUT sounding too cheesy there are so many things. I love it when we can find someone's perfect house that ticks all the boxes because we have listened to their requirements. I love helping our clients through the process when their sale has been agreed and they're moving towards exchange. I would be lying if I didn't say I love it when we get offers.

What do you believe is the future for the housing market in the current climate?

TOUGH one. Most in the industry feel that prices will bottom out sometime this year - from summer onwards. There are so many variables that frankly no one knows for sure. The housing minister stated recently that there were some signs of a recovery. One thing to say is that if you are waiting to call the bottom of the market then by the time you hear that it has, it is probably already on the way back up (if that makes sense).

YOUR LETTERS

Disabled drivers should pay up

Why is it that disabled car drivers feel so aggrieved?

The majority of them benefit from a free car, free insurance and free tax (and servicing/tyres) all paid for by the taxpayer and yet they continue to make demands.

I appreciate that they need special parking areas so they can access their wheelchairs etc or just so they do not have to walk very far, but they do abuse this privilege with their parking in the roads when they park without any consideration for other users (going to the cafe for breakfast etc) yet expect others to consider them.

I feel strongly that they should pay for the parking areas - they cannot say they cannot afford them as they are on benefits because they receive more benefits than many others.

If this is the case then why do the unemployed, single mothers, even people on housing benefits etc pay for parking?

On the other hand, if they did pay it would stop the abuse by drivers that use the Blue Badge but are not the disabled person it is registered to and are not disabled, so there would be no reason for them to use these spaces thereby freeing up more spaces for the people they were designed for.

But I do think it is about time that traffic wardens started handing out tickets to disabled drivers for their inconsiderate parking instead of walking straight past them, when they cause obstructions and hazards. They should not be permitted

to park on any double yellow lines as these are put there for the reasons I have just stated.

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in the insurance world who predict life spans, they predict future population growth.

Professor Rowthorn of Cambridge University forecasted that the population of making the indigenous population of this country in the minority. Frank Field – a Labour MP thinks this will happen in 30 years' time.

It seems to me that the electorate are very happy with this fact as they keep on voting for the three main parties who are all for immigration – seeing that more and more people are voting for the BNP where else would the three tired old parties get their votes from?

The latest prediction for UK population has been as high as 108 million by 2081, as forecast by the National Office for Statistics in 2008.

They also revealed that 21 per cent of all babies in Britain are born to immigrant mothers (in London the indigenous population is now in the minority in seven boroughs).

In London the births to immigrant mothers was 52 per cent. Where is Professor Duff's proof that the indigenous birth rate can be reversed?

This racist and fascist government is aiding and abetting genocide of the indigenous population and our 'friend' Ray is saying it can be reversed.

How can it be when more than 200,000 a year are leaving our shores every year fleeing Blair and Brown's Britain and over 600,000 immigrants came into this country in 2007.

Of course the ONS and Professor Rowthorn are wrong. How can they be right when Duff has spoken?

If he mentions that we are going to

have ID cards again when I keep telling him that we are against them, I will leave the country.

Ray Duff in his infinite wisdom "knows you know". I can't remember the comedy act which coined that saying, but I won't be surprised if Mr Duff knows the answer.

Perhaps he could revive the act as his letters have bordered on the comical side. I have tried to elevate myself from engaging in Mr Duff's slanging match as he seems to be running out of steam.

I am prepared to coax and cajole the less-than-honest preacher who deems our party racist and as a pre-parting shot informing him that ALL of our leaflets have been approved by the Crown Prosecution Service but of course Mr Duff knew that before he "waffled" on about their "potentially racist content" – something that he did not explain when I challenged him.

In defence of an out-of-the-blue character assassination on me and my party I rounded my reply saying Mr Duff didn't know his elbow from a certain part of his anatomy.

I am sure that all the readers of Yourshepway who have followed the vitriolic attack on my party and the attempted character assassination of me know that Mr Duff really doesn't know the difference.

May I add that the editor of this very informative paper has shown great courage by giving a platform for discussion about the British National Party.

The newspapers and television have been afraid of any discussion

for the past 20 years as our chairman would wipe the floor with the three tired old parties on the subject of immigration and the EU just for telling the truth – that is why they give a 'No platform' to the BNP.

No doubt we haven't heard the last from our anti-BNP superman, spreading his brand of hogwash, not realising that the more he flounders on with his misinformation the more his credibility is ebbing.

He should remember the maxim "He who laughs last, laughs longest".

British National Party candidate for Shepway and Hythe

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On Saturday, January 17, Ash almost came to a standstill due to a fire in the main street.

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A new exhibition dedicated to Fleming's famous secret agent, James Bond, has just been opened.

The group has also opened a delicatessen in the village which gives students new opportunities to gain retail experience.

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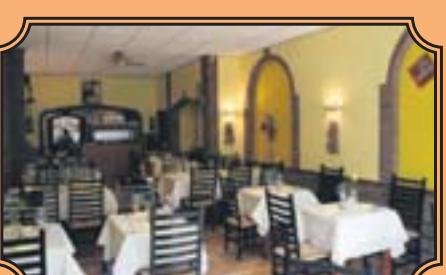
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A member of the highly-regarded Fox acting dynasty, Edward has starred in some of film and TV's most notable productions.

He appeared alongside Michael Caine, Robert Redford and Sir Laurence Olivier in the 1977 film A Bridge Too Far and also had a role in the Oscar-winning Gandhi.

This is not his first foray into the world of the upper crust – Fox has even portrayed royalty, playing King Edward VIII in the popular 1980 mini-series Edward and Mrs Simpson, for which he won a BAFTA.

But he has also played characters from the other end of the social spectrum, such as the dignified butler Lane in a 2002 film version of Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being

Earnest, starring Colin Firth and Rupert Everett.

Helen Ryan has made many stage and radio appearances and on screen she has acted in TV series as diverse as Green Wing and Midsomer Murders. Her film credits include Confetti and the Oscar-nominated classic The Elephant Man.

The play's author was the brother of Sir Alec Douglas Home, who became Prime Minister in 1964.

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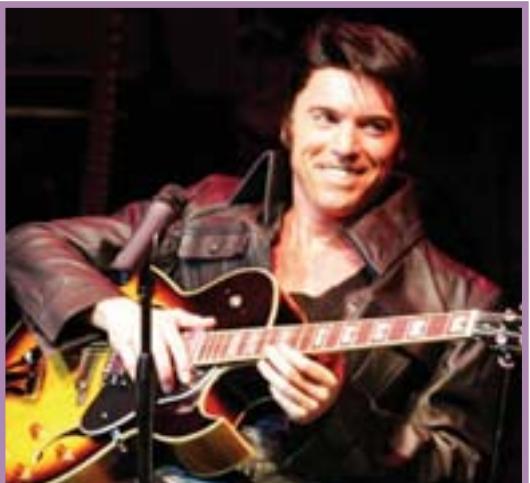

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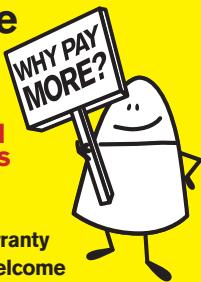
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DON'T MISS OUT: The Merton Farm extravaganza is proving one of the most popular on the music calendar and you can be there in 2009 as tickets go on sale this weekend

Festival excitement builds as early bird tickets arrive

EARLY bird tickets for this year's Lounge on the Farm festival go on sale this Sunday.

The discount tickets to the Canterbury three-dayer will be available from the official website.

Take my advice; get yours soon before they are all snapped up.

Tight-lipped Lounge organisers have confirmed precious little about this summer's offering apart from the basics but I can tell you this:

Lounge on the Farm, now in its fourth year, will once again take place in the glorious surrounds of Merton Farm, running from Friday, July 10 to Sunday 12.

The first line-up announcements will be made mid-March.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Festival organiser Matt Gough said he was delighted to start work on putting LOTF 2009 together.

He said: "Kent's 'bestest' music festival is back. We were genuinely chuffed with how well last year's festival turned out – so aren't looking to make too many changes.

"If it ain't broke don't try to fix it. Four years old this time round so hopefully we'll be using all that experience and really start mixing it with the more-renowned festivals on the circuit – but in our own intimate style.

"What you can expect from Lounge on the Farm 2009 is the best in local music mixed-up with the cream of the international music scene.

Add in a portion of the finest festival food and drink to grace a field – think local produce and local micro-brewed beers with a touch of class.

"Mix that up with a load of family fun, big smiles and a touch of the avant-garde and you've got one of the most enjoyable weekends in the Kentish calendar.

"Already with a few line-up treats up our sleeves, without a doubt this is going to be the best LOTF yet."

Last year's sell-out festival saw hundreds of top bands and artists perform across six stages, ranging from the Cow Shed to the Sheep Dip.

The line-up boasted the likes of Art Brut, The Coral, New York Dolls, Black Kids and Mystery Jets.

For more information and to buy early bird tickets visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.

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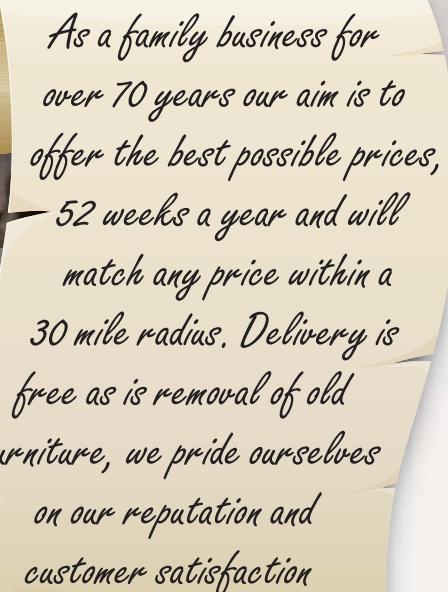
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

CORONATION STREET

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IT'S been a long time since Coronation Street was a regular part of my TV diet.

This most British of shows drifted off my radar a few years back, but post-Christmas seemed like an apt place to resume viewing.

After crowbar-wielding uber villain Richard Hillman had bumped off a fair number of the street's residents – but unfortunately not Hamster-faced Gail Platt – I figured it couldn't get any better.

In short, it seemed like a good place to call it a day.

On the recommendation of a friend however, I decided to take a look few weeks back to see how life 'oop north' was being played out these days and what had become of the Rovers Return regulars.

She said it "was going great guns" so I tuned in, expectantly.

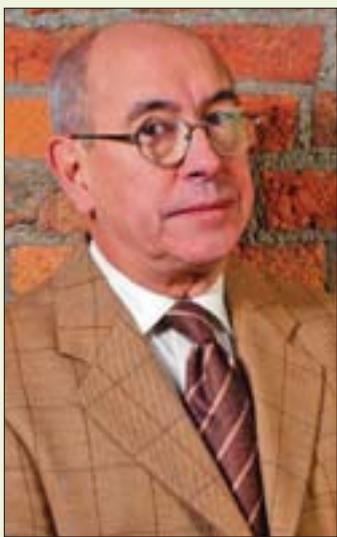
The good news is that Corrie still maintains a certain down-home humour, with characters like thick as two short planks Kirk, acid-tongued Blanche and, above all others, the curtain-twitting Norris, providing more than enough titter value.

Peter Barlow's battles with alcoholism have been deftly handled and the amusing arrest of Tyrone before his wedding was also great fun.

It is in its mainstay characters that Corrie comes into its own though.

This 30 minutes is as comforting as a cup of tea or an episode of Bullseye on UK Gold at Sunday tea time.

Just where would this country be without Emily Bishop, Kevin Webster, Rita Fairclough and intellectual moral



MUCH-LOVED: Coronation Street characters such as Norris Cole are now a TV institution

guardian of the working classes, Ken Barlow, as ever-presents on the box?

Up a creek without so much as a paddle, that's where.

I dread to think what would happen would happen if 'Our Ken' and his oddly fertile head of golden hair actually left the Street? The fall of civilisation as we know it, that's what.

More skilfully written than Emmerdale, and not as cloyingly self-aware as Hollyoaks, Corrie is, I'm glad to report, alive and kicking and miles ahead of its trashy counterparts.

Dripping in tradition, and with the kind of subtle acting the doughnuts on EastEnders would kill to be able to pull off, let's raise a pint of Newton and Ridley's best bitter to the Street.

If you are going to devote a significant part of your life keeping up to date with a soap opera, then at least have the sense to make it this one.

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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOUR ideas get lots of attention this week. Be as bold and visionary as you dare. Nobody will laugh at your proposals. We're emerging from a very cautious period. Taking a risk will breathe new life into an organisation or relationship that is threatening to go stale.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU'VE always been a solitary person and that's especially true this week. Daydreaming is infinitely more interesting than work. Unfortunately, you don't get paid much for fantasising. Therefore, you need to schedule time to expand your imagination.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

PLANNING a reunion for friends is a good use of your time. Too often you get so wrapped up with work that you neglect your social life. Take this opportunity to set aside time for the people you love most. Negotiating a higher salary is a distinct possibility later in the week.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

MONEY from an inheritance, tax refund or scholarship helps you to leave a restrictive situation. It's possible you feel guilty about leaving a friend or lover behind, but your very survival is at stake. Clinging to an unhealthy relationship will only make things worse.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

ABANDON yourself to books, music, and movies this week. Lately you've been spending a lot of time cooped up at home. A social butterfly like you needs to get out and have fun. True, you have responsibilities, but they shouldn't consign you to a life of drudgery.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU'RE earning more money than ever so it's necessary to create a financial master plan or you could waste your time and effort. Keep in mind that you won't always be this flush. By putting a percentage of income into savings you'll create a secure financial foundation.

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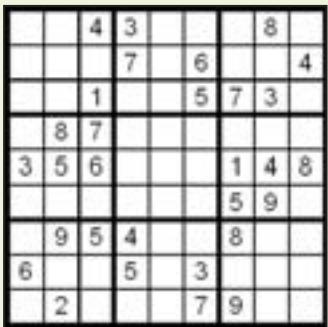
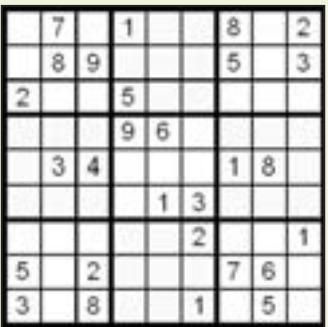
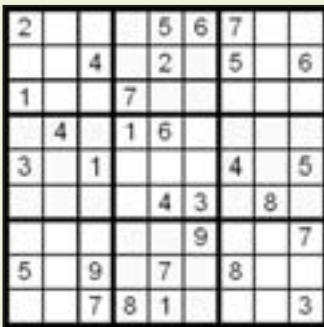
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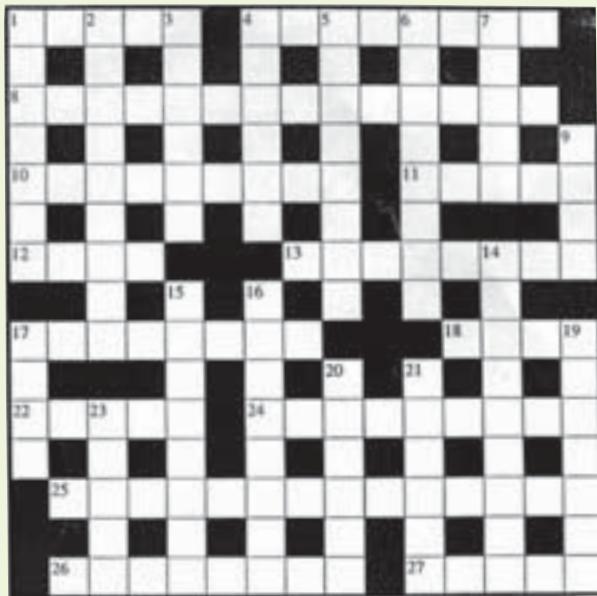
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EASY**MEDIUM****HARD****CRYPTIC CLUES****ACROSS**

- 1 Primary graduates in charge (5)
- 4 Bottle contained 50 per cent, Jack concluded (8)
- 8 Coordinator with prize container (9-5)
- 10 Protect bird finding safety barrier (9)
- 11 Venetian magistrate trapped daughter's duck (5)
- 12 Underground pipe (4)
- 13 Scene Ron shifted into place appearing in television programme (2-6)
- 17 Contributor to state revenue (8)
- 18 Thoroughly replete (4)
- 22 Dog one going to a provincial senate (5)
- 24 By accepting ten, it appears, on chart depicting life history (9)
- 25 His improvement surprisingly not an enriching experience (14)
- 26 Scatter, it's only a light fall of rain (8)
- 27 Fertiliser tin returned by engineer (5)

DOWN

- 1 Bring in the past (7)
- 2 Notable fight by railway (6-3)
- 3 Lady is able first to find the country (6)
- 4 Sorrowful lads I'm shaking (6)
- 5 Lady is to come down in American state (8)
- 6 Jude and I can develop prejudice (8)
- 7 Soaked some of those denims (5)
- 9 Protein in maize included (4)
- 14 Kit's set of tools (9)
- 15 Dandy's pasta tubes (8)
- 16 Refreshing interval during working day (3-5)
- 17 Pile did not start with drawing-pin (4)
- 19 First gear? (7)
- 20 Not in any manner at present with one's sweetheart (6)
- 21 Raggedly-dressed child lurching within (6)
- 23 Do some more mapping and assign function to a different key (5)

SCRIBBLE HERE**QUICK CLUES****ACROSS**

- 1 Titlark (5)
- 4 Crustacean's cover (8)
- 8 In front of one's rivals (5,2,3,4)
- 10 Region in SW France (9)
- 11 Swill (5)
- 12 Vast (4)
- 13 People who are related (8)
- 17 Credulous (4-4)
- 18 Pant (4)
- 22 Life-giving (5)
- 24 Free musical composition (9)
- 25 Town in Leicestershire (5-2-2-5)
- 26 Marsupial (8)
- 27 Attain (3,2)

DOWN

- 1 Ancient Egyptian king (7)
- 2 Condemned beforehand (9)
- 3 Up to now (2,4)
- 4 Something added at the end (6)
- 5 Vigorous (8)
- 6 Tower block (4-4)
- 7 Melon (anag.) (5)
- 9 Stream (4)
- 14 In part payment (2,7)
- 15 Hothouse pest (5-3)
- 16 Juniper (3,5)
- 17 Billow (4)
- 19 Seer (7)
- 20 Greek sun-god (6)
- 21 Sharp turning (6)
- 23 Unit of flux (5)

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ACROSS: 1 Anchor 4 Caucus 10 Booby-trap
 11 Flat 12 Cat's-paw 13 Ice-show 14 Recalcitrance 16 Lance-corporal 21 Aliquot
 22 Regalia 24 Gland 25 Iguanodon 26 Exempt 27 Jaunty. **DOWN:** 1 Abbacy 2 Clout 3 Olympia 5 Alfreda 6 Cha-cha-cha 7 Strewn 8 Prawn cocktail 9 Splitter group 15 Eradicate 17 Clued-up 18 Organza 19 Tangle 20 Vainly 23 Laden.

QUICK SOLUTION No71

ACROSS: 1 Puffin 4 Seashell 8 Ahead of 13 Kintail 10 Antilope 11 Ruisse 12 Hinge 13 Game 10 Apertures 11 Ruisse 12 Hinge 14 Phoebe 15 Mealy-bog 16 Red cedar 17 Wave 19 18 Philodendron 27 Lemon 9 Beck 14 On account of 20 Apollo 21 Ziggurat 23 Tesla 24 Capriccio 25 Ashby-de-la-Zouch 26 27 Kintail 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 50 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 60 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 70 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 80 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 90 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 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PROPERTY NEWS

'Browsers' boost levels in interest but not sales

THE first weeks of 2009 have seen a surge in "browsing" for new homes, with the number of enquiries from those seeking to look at properties more than doubling even as actual sales stay low.

One online home sales group says enquiries are up to 429,560 in the four weeks to January 10 from 199,762 in the same period last year.

But potential sellers are discouraged by the falling market.

There were 43,000 new listings in the month to January 10, compared with 89,000 in the same period last year.

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Government support is welcomed by lenders

THE Council of Mortgage Lenders says it welcomes the Government's announcements to support lending in the economy.

The group said the conditions and level of fees imposed on lenders who wish to use the new measures will be particularly important in determining their effectiveness.

Members say this should mean more of the funding that is available may go towards home purchases rather than remortgaging, which would help to support wider activity in the market.

Get a price and advice on how to sell today

ONE estate agent is hoping to breathe new life into the market by encouraging home owners to get their homes valued.

Your Move across east Kent is offering the traditional free valuation but also £200 off fees as well as advice on the realities of selling now.

There's also advice available for those considering renting their property too with discounted landlord fees.

Jackie Davies, area sales director, said: "Many people know that the traditionally busy selling period will soon be upon us but may have concerns as to whether it is appropriate to sell, or rent, particularly in the current market."

"Across south east Kent we are hosting special 'valuation days' on February 5, 6 and 7 where people can check demand and value of their home. All for free."

For further details contact your local Your Move estate agent or visit www.your-move.co.uk.



BARGAIN: Prices are still falling and discounts are to be had – up to 35 per cent in some cases. And with interest rates slashed, too, this could be the ideal time to snap up a home

Amid the gloom comes light for eager buyers

IT will hardly come as a shock to discover the general view among those in the property market is that 2009 is not shaping up to be a good year.

But there is still some encouraging news around for those who want to move house.

First the bad news. Prices are still falling — after a 15.9 per cent drop in 2008, according to the Nationwide — and some sellers are accepting offers of 20 per cent less than their asking prices while interest rates have been dropped to an all-time low in an effort to get things moving again.

But analysts have some good news — if you're not caught in negative equity — and can put

■ BY NICK AMES

down a decent deposit — now could be an extremely good time to buy, they claim.

This is because so many homes are selling at a discount and others are coming on to the market cheaply as they have been repossessed.

Other figures show that some mortgage deals are being offered which are actually cheaper than renting in an effort by lenders to boost the market and get it moving again.

Figures released last week by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors showed that although the number of properties sold hit a record low at the end of last year, the

number of enquiries rose at the fastest pace since August 2006.

Research by estate agent Savills shows by the third quarter of 2007, when property values peaked, buying was 44 per cent more expensive than renting.

With the subsequent fall in prices, however, the gap is closing or not there at all.

"It's a cracking time to be buying," says James Greenwood, managing director of the property-search agency Stacks. "There's hardly any competition out there at the moment, so you've got the field to yourself. Prices have been discounted, there are distressed sellers who have to sell and there are some real bargains to be had, anything between 30 per cent and 35 per cent off peak value. We haven't seen anything like this for years."

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- Four Bedrooms
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- 2 Bed Semi Bungalow
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- 2 bed delux apartment
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- Roof terrace - no chain



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FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02270

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- 2 Bedrooms/2 Receptions
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- Modern Link Detached
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- Three bedrooms
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- Kitchen/Diner



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- Large Victorian
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TEMPLE EWELL £190,000

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- Grade II listed property
- Simply Irresistible
- No Chain



FOLKESTONE £225,000

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- 5 Bedroom family home
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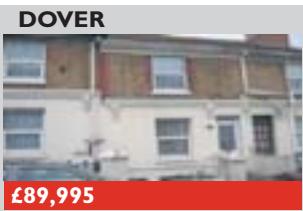
£74,950

Three bedroom terrace house in need of complete refurbishment. No chain.



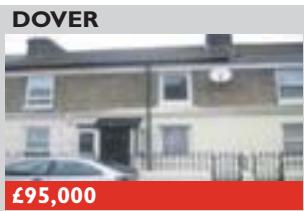
£80,000

Three bedroom terrace house. Double glazing, GCH. In need of modernisation and redecoration. No chain.



£89,995

Three bedroom terrace house, three storey, double glazing, gas central heating, garden, no chain.



£95,000

Three storey house with 2 bedrooms, two reception rooms, part double glazing, GCH, garden. No chain.



£99,995

Two bedroom terrace house with two reception rooms, double glazing, gas central heating and garden.



£108,000

Internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this two bedroom terrace house with garden and rear access.



£110,000

Two bedroom terrace house with attic room, utility, double glazing, gas central heating and gardens.



£115,000

A two bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms, double glazing, GCH, garden, hard standing. No chain



£120,000

Two bedroom terrace house with double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden.



OIEO £125,000

Three bedroom end of terrace house with gas central heating and garage, offered for sale with no chain.



OIEO £160,000

Three bedroom Grade II listed house with character features. Two reception rooms, cellar and rear garden. No chain.



£180,000

Three bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms, bathroom and shower room, original features, rear garden.



OIEO £195,000

Three bedroom detached bungalow in rural village. Double glazing, gas central heating, garage and gardens.



£250,000

5 bedroom detached bungalow with established gardens and off road parking in rural location with countryside views. Viewing highly recommended.



OIEO £399,995

Viewing of this detached property a former riding school, is highly recommended. Property has extensive gardens, indoor heated swimming pool.

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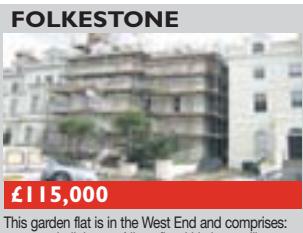
OIEO £88,000

Two Bedroom First Floor Flat, Lounge/Fitted Kitchen Diner, Gas Central Heating, Viewing recommended.



£105,000

This terrace house comprises: entrance hall, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Further benefits from GCH, double glazing, rear garden.



£115,000

This garden flat is in the West End and comprises: entrance hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC.



£118,995

Viewing is recommended for this mid terrace house. Refurbished and redecorated. Comprises: lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC.



£120,000

A first and second floor maisonette comprising: entrance hall, kitchen, bathroom/WC, lounge, dining room and two bedrooms.



£134,995

An end of terrace property with two parking spaces. In good decorative order comprising: kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC.



OIEO £145,000

A modern style apartment with no chain. Comprising: entrance hall, two bedrooms, en-suite shower room/WC, bathroom/WC, fitted kitchen and lounge/diner.



£147,500

This end of terrace house comprises: entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, 5 bedrooms and bathroom/WC. GCH.



£174,995

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property which benefits from garage, parking, double glazing and central heating.



£175,000

Viewing is recommended for this terrace house comprising: entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. GCH.



£179,995

A ground floor apartment comprising: 2 bedrooms one with en-suite shower room/WC, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen and bathroom/WC.



£209,995

A link-detached house comprising: porch, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, utility room, 3 bedrooms, en-suite shower room/WC, bathroom/WC.



£227,000

A semi-detached house comprises: lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, shower room/WC, games room/reception two, four bedrooms and bathroom/WC.



£209,995

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ST. MARGARETS-AT-CLIFFE OIEO £180,000
Village location. Well presented family semi-detached house. Three bedrooms. Three reception rooms. Cloakroom. Utility room. Kitchen. Bathroom. Good sized rear garden. Garage & parking.

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ROKESLEY ROAD £149,950
Four bedrooms. Sitting room. Dining room. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Rear garden. Off-road parking to the front. Viewing recommended.

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CRABBLE AVENUE £139,950
Crabble location. Sitting room. Dining room. Kitchen. Gas central heating. Enclosed garden. Three bedrooms. Viewing recommended.

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EYTHORNE £185,000
Two bedroom detached bungalow. Village location. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Dining room. Sitting room. Garage. Driveway. Enclosed garden.

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FOLKESTONE £120,000
NO ONWARD CHAIN. Two bedroom split level flat. East Cliff area. Lounge. Kitchen. Dining room/study. Bathroom.

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FOLKESTONE £140,000
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FOLKESTONE £179,000
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CAPEL-LE-FERNE £225,000
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FOLKESTONE £265,000
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RIVER OIEO £135,000
NO CHAIN. 2 bedroom semi-detached house. Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. Family Bathroom. Approx. 50ft rear garden, block paved driveway, central heating and double glazing.

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WHITFIELD OIEO £139,995
Extended semi-detached 2 bedroom home. Open plan Lounge/Dining Room. Kitchen/Breakfast Room. Shower Room/W.C. The property also has GCH. D/G. Driveway, Garage and enclosed rear garden.

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WHITFIELD OIEO £155,000
NO CHAIN. 3 bedroom semi detached house. Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen and Family bathroom. Rear garden, driveway, garage, central heating and double glazing.

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Alfa turns on small car style with super MiTo

RESURGENT Alfa Romeo has the new MiTo supermini in showrooms (from £10,995) and the Mini firmly in its sights.

Alfa has concentrated on eye-catching style and a good choice of petrol or diesel engines, but the small turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol units seem best suited to upholding Alfa's sporting tradition while meeting current needs for economy, hitting 60mph in eight seconds while averaging up to 46mpg, depending on output.

The newcomer also gets a maximum five stars in the Euro NCAP crash test.



Ka shows cash squeeze in the baby car sector

FORD'S all-new Ka city car has arrived as car buyers think smaller, but pricing is tight at the bottom of the market.

So the cheapest newcomer (from £7,995) undercuts its predecessor by £350.

The Ka 'Mark II' has also been promoted by the latest James Bond film Quantum of Solace – with glamorous Bond girl Olga Kurylenko seen at its wheel.

The newcomer is offered with 68bhp 1.2-litre petrol or 74bhp 1.3 diesel power, both qualifying for the cheapest payable road tax band (£35/year).



Baby Citroën is nosing ahead of its little rivals

CITROËNS eco-friendly C1 city car (from £7,595) has a butch new front end for 2009, improved cabin and even better CO2 emissions and fuel economy.

Launched in 2005, the C1 is now one of the UK's slowest depreciating and greenest cars, with the new model offering improved CO2 emissions as low as 106g/km. The 1.0-litre petrol engine also now offers improved fuel consumption of up to 62.8mpg on the combined cycle while the 1.4HDi diesel offers an amazing 68.9mpg. Two new C1 trims are offered.



NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: Vauxhall will be attacking German prestige marques BMW/Mercedes/Audi with their new-look Insignia which costs a lot less than its rivals

New Insignia stands for a big change in attitude

VAUXHALL'S all-new Insignia marks a fresh start as well as new name in the family/company car sector.

This arena once dominated UK car sales, but now holds just a tenth of volume in the face of rivalry from 4x4s, MPVs and upmarket German kit.

Vauxhall's own seven-seat Zafira midi-MPV will have inflicted hefty damage and you sense the marque's parent General Motors has taken note.

So the Insignia drops any pretence at chasing the staid and practical MPV vote and concentrates on 'comfort and style', attacking German prestige marques while still offering a hatchback option for diehard 'rep's car' fans.

Even the estate version looks sporty and classy against the final hearse-like wagon spin-off from the Vectra – the Insignia's increasingly unloved predecessor.

The Insignia also needed to attack the Vectra's old foe, the Ford Mondeo, which had a hike in quality and style this time around, while remaining within reach of traditional

ROAD TEST VAUXHALL INSIGNIA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

fleet customers. The Insignia places it under pressure on all counts and prices start from a modest £15,935 – some £500 less than the final Vectra line-up. Styling is enhanced by two neat touches: blacked out door pillars lower a roofline that already makes the Vauxhall look like a four-door coupé, while the 'blade' detail abaft the front wheel is a master touch suggesting power and muscle.

If the car's sharp suit worries BMW/Merc/Audi then the lining offers little relief even if let down by the budget feel of controls for the driver's seat and other minutiae.

But remember the Insignia is still selling for Vectra prices. Even the sporty 'rep's favourite' SRi model we tested, with its aluminium pedals, climate control, comfy sports seats – including extendable seat base – quality sound system and smart alloys, starts at just over £18,000.

Diesel sales should dominate, of course, but our car's all-new 220PS (218bhp) 2.0-litre Turbo petrol engine impressed and could become the cult engine to complement the Insignia's taut yet supple chassis, for the Vectra's replacement looks and feels more like a driver's than a 'rep's car'. Do not dismiss without a road test.



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07 Reg Mazda Mazda6 2.0 TS2 [147] 5dr £8,590 £17,930 £9,340
57 Reg Mazda Cx-7 2.3T 5dr £15,190 £24,448 £9,258
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58 Reg Renault Clio 1.2 TCE Expression 3dr £7,720 £11,495 £3,775
07 Reg Renault Clio 1.4 16V Dynamique £7,290 £10,437 £3,147
08 Reg Renault Grand Modus 1.6 Dynamique Auto £8,090 £13,158 £5,068
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07 Reg Vauxhall Corsa 1.2i 16V Life 3dr £6,599 £9,497 £2,898
07 Reg Vauxhall Vectra 1.8i VVT Exclusiv 5dr £6,990 £14,897 £7,907
57 Reg Vauxhall Zafira 1.9 CDTi Design £11,999 £21,705 £9,706



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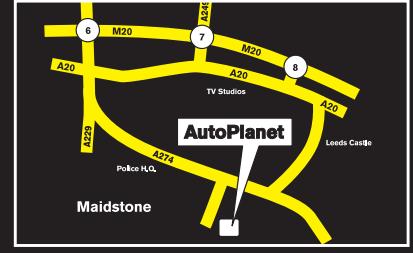
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

GERMAN COMPACT EXECUTIVES

USED car prices are set to firm up after being in freefall for several months, but this could still be a good time to snap up one of the three most aspirational cars on the UK market – compact executive models from the German trio of executive marques, BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz. In good times, the BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes C-Class hold their value ridiculously well, especially when considering the plentiful used supply, but recessions are a great leveller – and opportunity for those with the necessary cash and desire.

BMW 3-SERIES



REGARDED as the number one compact executive model for driving pleasure and sheer swank value, the 3-Series' crown is threatened by the numbers available plus new pressure from the Audi and Merc and other plausible rivals. There is plenty of choice, from hatchbacks, stylish estates and barnstorming M3 supercars as well as four and two-door stalwarts. Top engines are the classic BMW straight-six petrol and some smooth diesels – especially the 320d.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

AUDI A4



AUDI'S ambitious compact executive challenger used to be seen as an also-ran hampered by front-wheel drive rather than the rear-wheel drive used by the rival BMW and Merc. However, the overall rise of Audi and the cachet of its Quattro all-wheel drive versions has turned the A4 into the 'thinking man's choice', though the numbers in circulation may weaken prices. It perennially under-achieves on the driving front, but lacks nothing in prestige.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

MERCEDES C-CLASS



MERCEDES-BENZ has put down a marker with the latest C-Class, creating a robust car almost as good to drive as the BMW and arguably better looking than either of its fiercest rivals. Combined with the most prestigious badge of the German trio, this makes the current 'C' sought-after on the nearly new market, though previous generation cars are less so thanks to a period of poorer build and reliability. This means there are bargains diesel estates being the pick.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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3 SERIES, 320Ci, bd54xhp, titanium silver, 0 miles, £6997, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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6 SERIES, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 745i auto, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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CTS, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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AVEO, 2008, abs air conditioning anti theft protection cd player central locking clock driver airbag driver seat height adjustment electric front windows passenger airbag power steering radio tiltable steering wheel wiper rear window, poly silver, 25 miles, £8145, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 5dr, j7439314, power steering, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, metallic paintwork, power steering, abs, air conditioning, cd player, 14" alloys, sky blue met, 63000 miles, £3699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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NEON 2.0 LX, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 lx automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new mot, ew x 4, em, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new, metallic green, low mileage miles, £995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

CITROEN

C1, 1.0i Rhythm 3dr, 2006, 1.0i rhythm 3dr hatch, damas blue, 13000 miles, £6195, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, Pluriel auto, 1051461, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric windows, cd player, 15" alloys, black, 63000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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FOCUS 1.6 Style Auto (New Shape), 2008, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel reach adjustment traction control trip computer 1 owner service history, ocean blue, 14000 miles, £8000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 16v Dynamic 5dr, ek05vso, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, power steering, abs, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, rear headlights, head restraints, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, blue, 9000 miles, £4995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, Flame 16v 3dr, gl54tvk, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, black, 63000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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MONDEO, 1.8 TDCi Edge 5dr [6] (2007 -), 23/10/2007, cd player abs alarm power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, blue, 11015 miles, £12999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.2 i-CTDi Sport with HFT, gd07aoe, locking wheel nuts, rolling code ecu engine immobiliser, central locking, rear electric windows, front seat sliding centre armrest, rear cupholders, external temperature gauge, front seat belt pre-tensioners, front map lights, externally visible vehicle identification number (vin), side screen integrated aerial, multi-function driver computer, front ventilated disc brakes, passenger seatback pocket, rear centre headrests and 3-point seatbelt, front foglights, alabaster silver metallic, 5980 miles, £13995, Barretts Honda, Canterbury, 0845 3709769 (TRADE)

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911, 3.6 Carrera 2 Tiptronic S Coupe 20 3596cc auto (2007), 07, 19" turbo alloys, sat nav phone module, rear headrests, folding rear seats, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, premium seat, merlot red, 20000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 542 680 (TRADE)

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SIGNUM ExclusivCDTi, 2007, cd

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airbags, folding rear seats, rear

headrests, height adjustable seat,

cloth upholstery, anti-theft system,

central locking, immobiliser, abs,

colour coded body, metallic

paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player,

electric front windows, alloy wheels,

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airbags, folding rear seats, rear

headrests, height adjustable seat,

cloth upholstery, anti-theft system,

central locking, immobiliser, abs,

colour coded body, metallic

paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player,

electric front windows, alloy wheels,

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Closing Date: Friday 6 February 2009
Interviews: Week Commencing 9 February 2009

ENGLISH AND MATHS
10 STEPS TO SUCCESS - SATURDAY REVISION SCHOOL AT PENT VALLEY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

ENGLISH AND MATHS TUTORS
Start Date: Saturday 28th February - Saturday 16th May 2009 (excluding Easter break)
Hours: Saturday school 09.15 - 12.00 (including free breakfast with students)
Salary: £100 per session
Main aim: Saturday school is a new initiative to support students to achieve at least a grade C at GCSE in English and Maths.
Role: To motivate and enthuse small groups of year 11 students over 10 Saturday sessions.
Previous experience of working at this level essential.
A current Enhanced CRB Disclosure is required.

LEAD ENGLISH AND MATHS CO-ORDINATORS
Start Date: Saturday 28th February - Saturday 16th May 2009 (excluding Easter break)
Hours: Saturday school 09.00 - 13.00 (including free breakfast with students)
Salary: £150 per session
Main aim: Saturday school is a new initiative to support students to achieve at least a grade C at GCSE in English and Maths.
Role: To teach and to co-ordinate the programme and aim to motivate and enthuse small groups of year 11 students over 10 Saturday sessions.
Previous experience of working at this level essential.
A current Enhanced CRB Disclosure is required.

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Closing date: 9 February 2009.
Interview date: 18 February 2009.

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You will be required to work in both Blantyre House and East Sutton Park.

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To apply for these posts please email kent-sussex-area-recruitment@hmpps.gsi.gov.uk
Applicants will require an email address in order for applications to be sent to them.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 8 February 2009.

For further information about vacancies within HM Prison Service and about our Prison Establishments please visit www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk

Applicants will be required to declare whether they are a member of a group or organisation, which the Prison Service considers to be racist.

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The Prison Service is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applications from candidates regardless of ethnic origin, religious belief, gender, age (subject to being within the normal retirement age for the grade), sexual orientation, disability or any other irrelevant factor.



National Offender Management Service



Career Opportunities



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Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

37 hrs per week salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum. Fixed term post ending 13 July 09

Supply Lecturers Higher Education are required in the following areas

Various hours available, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum

HE Tourism Management

Counselling (must hold relevant recognised qualification)

Early Years (to teach on Foundations Degrees)

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Supply Lecturers (Teachers/Trainers) are required in the following areas

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Infant School/Early Years

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Supply Learning Support within Health, Public Services & Early Years

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Supply Administrator with Health, Public Services & Early Years

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Please E-mail: emma@rsdvp.co.uk for an application form.
Closing date Friday 6th February. Interview date to be arranged.

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CARE SUPERVISOR

Guardian Homecare have a vacancy for a field based supervisor of domiciliary care services to join our local team. The posts will involve all elements of quality control in the field - care worker supervisions, spot checks, service user assessments and reviews, complaint management. Post holders will also be expected to cover care calls in emergencies or to cover short term absences. This post would suit workers already in supervisory roles or experienced care workers looking to advance their career. Successful candidates will be required to participate fully in the 24 hour on-call service. NVQ level 3 in social care would be a distinct advantage.

If you would like to discuss these opportunities further, or would like an application pack, please contact Sue Wheeler on 01634 265891 / s Wheeler@guardianhomecare.org.uk

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Residential Support Workers – Child Care

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For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):
Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP (01634 338224)

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Templar House, Ashford

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You should demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills, be able to organise and prioritise their workload, work well and accurately under pressure and be able to deal with confidential and sensitive issues in a professional manner.

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- Lead the development of a progressive HR function to support the College's ambitious change agenda.
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The Candidate

- You will be qualified to a minimum of CIPD graduate level and have senior management experience of a strategic and operational Human Resource role.
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or email katherine.reilly@midkent.ac.uk

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The Business Link Enterprise Gateway scheme has already helped more than 300 people from deprived areas set up their own companies and thousands more have received guidance and advice.

It aims to help people facing challenges, or those who haven't realised they have a talent for business and enterprise.

During the last five years it has been available in 16 locations across the south east and now it is covering deprived communities across the whole region.

In Kent, the service spans the county and is particularly focused in areas where entrepreneurial activity is low, such as Medway, the Isle of Sheppey, and selected wards in Sittingbourne and Dover.

Enterprise development manager Jane North said: "Our role is to work with individuals who would not normally consider enterprise as a viable option for them."

"They may have faced redundancy, health problems or just been out of the job market for a long time."

For more information, telephone 0845 600 9006, or visit the website by logging on at www.bringyourideastolife.co.uk.

Save money thanks to BCC and Staples tie-up

IMPORTANT news for people brave enough to start up a business right now: the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) – the umbrella organisation of local chambers of commerce – and office stationery group Staples have teamed up to launch a extended help-to-go pack.

All start-ups that join the BCC will now receive a 20 per cent discount voucher to spend at their local Staples store.

The pack, which when it was first launched was to help start-ups during their crucial first year, has been extended to take into account the new challenges companies are now facing. Staples have stores across the county.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "In business, is small really beautiful?" Search 'crunch'

'Upbeat' county will weather the storm

■ BY TONY PATEY

THERE may not be any strong green shoots of recovery showing in Kent just yet, but there are some warm breezes blowing through the chilly economic climate.

Businesses across the county are reporting that while the credit crunch has taken a bite out of their business, they are – so far at least – weathering the storms better than elsewhere in the UK.

And much of the reason for the region's resilience is being put down to an increasing export market and a confidence both in the current trading environment and in what the future holds.

The Maidstone Economic Development Group of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce (KICC) found members were showing greater confidence under current conditions than the South East in general, and nationally.

John Taylor, chairman of the MED Group, said: "While these are challenging times, we are heartened by this positive attitude among our members. Clearly things are not as gloomy in Kent as the national picture would suggest."

David Foley, policy director of the Channel Chamber of Commerce which represents much of the east Kent coast, agreed there were relatively bright areas amid the bleakness.

He said that, with the weak pound, exporters especially were in a good position to fend off the crunch.

"The potential for manufacturers in this area is considerable," he said.

Also firms which had a sound ecological base were doing relatively well because of a change in consumer sentiment, with people wanting more environment-friendly goods.

Mr Foley reckoned the three basic principles of good business were price, good quality and



ROUGH TRADE: Many Kent businesses remain upbeat despite the harsh conditions, local chambers of commerce say

service – with service being the clincher in rough trading times.

Peter Hobbs, chief executive of the Channel Chamber, added: "We are seeing lots of small organisations, particularly in the service sector, struggling as their sales begin to tighten.

"As a result they are urgently reviewing their costs and who they buy from, in other words their procurement.

"There are, of course, plenty of opportunities here for local businesses. For example, some local book-keepers and accountants are reporting an uplift in clients."

KICC members in the service sector – rather than manufacturing – are upbeat.

During the three months to December, these members reported a "less dire decline" in both home and export sales than the rest of the South East.

Elsewhere, while order books are dipping and cash-flow worsened, KICC members appear to be performing better than elsewhere in the nation.

Interestingly, their levels of business confidence were higher, which is an important factor in getting the economy back on track.

An equal proportion expected sales to rise in 2009 as to fall and although more expected profits to fall rather than to rise, this gloom was much less widespread than the rest of the South East, despite the fact that more KICC members were carrying spare capacity.

The higher confidence is reflected in pre-December employment, which held steady, unlike the rest of the South East and the UK, and while there were more firms expecting to cut staff than those aiming to hire more, there was less pessimism.

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TITLE BOOST: Mo Takaloo (left) joins Hythe Town

Attacking tries put Folkestone fourth

A CONVINCING win for Folkestone RFC edged them back into the title race in London South East 4, as they moved up to fourth place.

Once again Folkestone showed their attacking credentials by running in a number of tries on the way to a 37-18 victory against Hastings & Bexhill. The result has put Folkestone back into the title race in fourth place just six points behind leaders Tonbridge Juddian.

This Saturday Folkestone have the chance to keep the pressure on the league leaders when they travel to take on struggling Crowborough who are in the bottom four of the division.

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 Mark Stimson on Gills' pursuit of Chris Dickson and other transfer targets

Missed opportunity for New Romney

NEW ROMNEY missed the chance to move up to fourth place in the Kent County League Division One East by finishing on the wrong side of an eight goal thriller.

Clinical finishing proved to be the key to the game as Guru Nanak managed to find the net five times to compound New Romney to a 5-3 defeat.

The result means New Romney have slipped to seventh, but they are five points behind third-placed University of Kent.

This Saturday New Romney host title-chasing AFC Sheppeshy who have just two defeats to their name so far this season.

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Hopes that Takaloo will take Town to title glory

HYTHE Town's Kent League title bid received a major shot in the arm with the signing of hot shot striker Mo Takaloo.

The prolific hitman drops two divisions from the Ryman Premier with Margate to join Paul Fisk's side.

Town lead the Kent League by two points but with last season's top scorer Buster Smissen a long-term injury doubt, Hythe have been forced to rely on goals from midfield to maintain their momentum. However, the signing of Takaloo could be the acquisition needed to help lead Town to promotion to Ryman South.

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Takaloo arrives with a big reputation and holds the unique distinction of winning the Kent League and golden boot award with two different sides, most recently with Maidstone United in 2005/06. Last season the 29-year-old's goal in a 1-0 victory at Folkestone Invicta helped Maidstone United avoid relegation from the Ryman Premier League.

Folkestone Invicta were also reportedly interested in signing the forward, who began

the season at Ramsgate.

Hythe have also put in a seven-day approach for Faversham Town defender Roy Guiver.

This Saturday Fisk's side will play the second leg of their Premier Division Cup quarter-final against Slade Green. Town will not return to Kent League action until a trip to Sevenoaks Town on February 7.

Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for a full report of Hythe Town's Premier Division Cup quarter-final first leg against Slade Green.



MISERABLE AFTERNOON: Nine-man Invicta fell to a disappointing defeat, but Jimmy Dryden scored after agreeing to stay with the club until the end of the season

Dryden's goal shows why Seasiders badly need him

A LATE penalty from Jimmy Dryden was barely consolation for Folkestone who finished the game at Burgess Hill Town with just nine men.

Invicta manager Neil Cugley went into the game boosted by the news of striker Dryden's decision to rescind his transfer request and stay with the cash-strapped club until the end of the season.

With his side struggling to score goals, Cugley believes Dryden is a crucial part of his side.

He said: "I'm very pleased, the last couple of weeks in training he's been excellent. I don't really know why he changed his mind, maybe the clubs didn't come in for him like he hoped, maybe his initial reaction to it all was made in the heat of the moment. I think he had talks with Margate but for some reason it didn't come off."

"I've been chasing around trying to get a forward in but obviously I don't have to bother

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Burgess Hill Town 2

Cotton 37, Harper 54

Folkestone Invicta 1

Dryden pen 88

now, so I'm pleased. Jimmy's a proven goalscorer and a local lad, which is exactly what we want here."

Despite the good news Invicta did not get off to the best start on Saturday as Burgess Hill opened the scoring on 37 minutes through Lloyd Cotton.

Nine minutes into the second half Folkestone had a mountain to climb as Steve Harper doubled the home side's advantage.

To add to Folkestone's woes they were reduced to ten men as Kieran Byrne was sent

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



Subs used: Neilson (J. Everitt, 62)

off after picking up a second yellow card for diving.

Folkestone kept plugging away and two minutes from time the visitors were awarded a penalty as Michael Everitt was brought down by goal scorer Cotton. Dryden proved his worth and made no mistake with the spot-kick to reduce the deficit.

However, a chance to salvage a point vanished for Folkestone as Frankie Chappell became the second Invicta player to see red.

Whites say Graz-a-lot for striker's important strike

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 3

Ball 28, Grazioli 57, Schulz 59



Hastings United 2

Sawyer 37, 72



STRIKES from Giuliano Grazioli and Olly Schulz secured a ninth consecutive league win for Dover Athletic, but they had to endure a nail biting final 15 minutes.

Despite a slow start to the game the Whites opened the scoring through defender Laurence Ball, who was unmarked at the far post to nod past Hastings goalkeeper Greg Nessling.

Andy Hessenthaler's side rarely stamped their authority on the first half, which was an even affair and Frankie Sawyer grabbed an equaliser for Hastings just nine minutes later.

After a stern team talk at the break, Dover showed their true form with two quick-fire goals from Grazioli and Schulz in the second half.

Just before the hour, former Stevenage Borough striker Grazioli pounced, managing to finish off one of Dover's best attacking moves of the game with a well-placed header.

Two minutes later with the home fans still



NAIL BITING: Giuliano Grazioli celebrates after scoring the Whites' second goal in a tense afternoon at Crabble

celebrating, Schulz leapt highest to flick on a long throw over the frame of Nessling and into the net to increase Dover's lead.

With 18 minutes remaining Hastings set up a nervous end to the game for the Whites with Sawyer grabbing his second goal of the afternoon to cut the deficit to a single goal.

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Gore (Hughes 45), Browning (Hill 76), Grazioli (Collin 68)

However, Dover's defence held firm to clinch the three points and maintain their 100 per cent home league record.

Hessenthaler was disappointed by the performance of his players and revealed he has set his team a new challenge as they continue to march towards the Ryman Premier League title.

He said: "It's always nervous for everyone when you are winning 3-2 with 15 minutes to go. That said we won the game but once again our performance was nowhere near our best. The players know it and I told them at half-time.

"It is very hard to criticise my players and we have to realise we will not be able to perform at our best week in week out. We are still winning games, which is the main thing, but I have set the boys a challenge now to try and beat our winning run of 13 games earlier this season."

This Saturday the Whites face a tricky Kent derby as they travel to take on Jim Ward's Ramsgate.

FOOTBALL



SENSATION: Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler feels defender Laurence Ball has stepped up his game

Hess describes Ball's performances this season 'sensational'

ANDY Hessenthaler has admitted he has been surprised by how his players have adapted to the Ryman Premier League and in particular the improvement of defender Laurence Ball.

Dover continued their impressive form from last season's surge to the Ryman South title and sit a massive 25 points ahead of nearest rivals Staines Town at the top of the Ryman Premier.

The Whites have lost just three times in the league and boss Hessenthaler is shocked by what his side have achieved, but insists their form has to continue.

He said: "If someone had told me that we would be 25 points clear at the start of the season I would not have believed it. I am surprised by how my side have coped with the step up to the Ryman Premier, but the important thing is we have got to keep pushing. Nothing is won in January and until it is mathematically possible we have won, we will then start to celebrate."

One player who has caught the attention of the Dover supporters and Hessenthaler this season is Laurence Ball. The central defender was a fringe player last season playing mostly in the reserves, but this term he has come to the fore, regularly an important feature in the Dover defence.

He added: "Laurence has probably been one of the sensations of the season. I suppose he probably thought he was not going to play many games this season with Dean Hill and Olly Schulz coming in during the summer but he has surprised me."

"He has really stepped up to the plate. He will be a bit frustrated in recent weeks as we have let in a few goals but he has improved a lot this season and is a nice lad to have around at the club."

Picture: PHIL HUGHTON



CAMP INDIA: Kent Academy director Phil Relf

Future pace bowlers all set for Indian camp

CRICKET

FOUR of Kent's brightest young bowlers have an opportunity to be coached by Australian legend Dennis Lillee at the world renowned MRF pace bowling camp in India.

Two Academy players and two players on development contracts at the St Lawrence Ground are being given a chance to learn and hone their skills thanks to contributions from the Kent Supporters Club and Kent member Charlie Harris.

Academy players Matt Coles, 18, who plays his cricket with Hartley Country Club and Adam Ball, 15, from Bexley will be heading to Chennai, together with development contract players Phil Edwards, 24, from Gore Court and Warren Lee, 21, from Blackheath.

Academy director Phil Relf, who will be leading the group to India, said it will be a big opportunity for Kent's future pace bowlers and that it couldn't have been done without the two benefactors.

"Indian conditions are demanding with the climate and different wickets so it will be a steep learning curve," he said. "We want to get as much time with Dennis Lillee as possible as that will be a valuable experience."

They leave for the ten day trip on Friday.

If you'd like to help sponsor the Academy, contact Phil Relf on 01227 456886.

Sharks lose out after being bitten by a late penalty

RUGBY

Dorking 20 Dover 15

A LATE penalty snatched a victory away from Dover in their first game in London 2 South for five weeks.

Dover started well with the advantage of the slope and Martyn Beaumont kicked a penalty after only four minutes on the clock. Dorking responded well and they capitalised on a Dover error to score a try and the conversion followed.

After 19 minutes Buster Collins intercepted a pass deep in the host's half to score a try under the posts which Beaumont converted. The home side levelled the score with a penalty soon after.

The first few minutes of the second half were difficult for Dover but they weathered the storm. However, the hosts took the lead shortly after with a well-taken try and the extras added proved decisive at the final whistle.

Dover scored the next try, which was undoubtedly the pick of the day with hooker Jack Tomlinson driving up the left flank, and following some excellent handling from a number of support players, winger Ben Sedgwick scored to reduce the deficit.

The Sharks gave away a penalty which proved to be their downfall as Dorking converted their chances to clinch the win.

Senior Coach Graham Tonks felt his side coped well against one of the division's best sides but admitted they will have to work harder for victories.



NARROW DEFEAT: Dover were denied a win at the weekend after a late penalty for Dorking saw the Surrey side victorious

He said: "Although disappointed we can take many positives from this game. We competed well throughout, against an extremely good side. We must work that little bit harder to win these narrow encounters."

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